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Minutes of Monthly Meeting M.D. of Buffalo Coulee

Council meeting was held in Saulteaux school with Mrs. Wear, Phaeay, Ramsay, Donnenworth, Dew, and Curry present and reeve Phaeay presiding.

Ben Brady case considered. A letter was read from the city of Edmonton also a copy of the notice to return which was enclosed and accepted and signed by Brady. This letter would not require further relief at present. The secretary is to advise Edmonton that no further relief is to be supplied by them to Brady and that if he applies again he is to be supplied with transportation to return to reside in this municipal district.

Application for old age pension for Miss Grace Radmore was presented when Cr. Wear carried that full pension be recommended.

Prairie Farm Assistance Branch letters read. Secretary to write again.

Letters read re E. L. Fulton. The secretary to write again and get a copy of the Soldiers' Relief Act.

Correspondence read and discussion re assessments. It was noted that the 1941 assessment is subject to appeal, but that ratepayers wishing to appeal must do so before April 30th. Cr. Wear carried that that secretary be assessor for 1941.

Mr. Sidney Hinton was present and advised the council of a proposal of the Vegreville school division to form a health unit. The secretary was instructed to write to Dr. Bow in the matter.

A letter was read from the returning officer in which he expressed the possibility of the need for 2 more ballot boxes. Cr. Dew carried that 2 more be purchased.

Cr. Dew carried that Cr. Donnenworth and the reeve be a committee to interview Dr. Knapp regarding the proposed health unit and other things.

Cr. Donnenworth carried that the bills be paid.

Cr. Dew carried the adjournment. Next meeting to be March 19th next.

Roy W. Hay, sec-treas.

LINE ELEVATORS ASS'N

Manufacture of power alcohol from wheat would create an entirely new market for 40,000,000 bushels of wheat annually Cecil Lamont, of Winnipeg, representing the North-West Line Elevators Association, informed the National Chemurgic Committee at a meeting held in Toronto last week. Agriculturists, scientists and industrialists of Canada were represented at the gathering. A report covering the whole field of research into finding new edible and inedible uses for farm products will be laid before the dominion government within a short time by the committee.

Viking Items.

W. J. Brown has been a business visitor in Regina the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Dupre of Edmonton were guests of friends in town on Tuesday.

Among the trainees at the Camrose military camp home for the week-end were Ptes. Bud Kelly, Alfred Klontz, and Evey Jones.

The regular monthly meeting of the Poplar Hill Sunshine Club will be held at the home of Mrs. W. J. Dillane on Thursday afternoon, Feb. 6th, at 8 p.m.

Dr. and Mrs. Caldwell and little daughter are visiting this week to reside in Calgary where Dr. Caldwell has joined the R.C.A.F. as dental surgeon with the rank of captain.

Mrs. S. Clark is back again to her teaching duties in the primary room of the Viking school after quite a siege of illness. Mrs. O. Mathiesen has been relief teacher in her absence.

A. E. F. Cary and Mr. Clark, church warden, are attending the meeting of the Anglican diocese held in Edmonton this week as delegates from the Viking parish to select a new Bishop to succeed Rt. Rev. Bishop Burgeott who has resigned on account of failing health.

The weather is always good for a little polite conversation and some impolite cursing at times. Especially was this true over the week-end. Friday and Saturday the temperature fell to 55 degrees below zero with a stinging wind from the east churning the snow into high drifts and in general making things miserable for man and beast. But on Sunday the wind had gone down and the temperature started to rise and as we write this the thermometer is registering 45 above. These Chinooks are always welcome and we hope this one lingers awhile.

February 2nd is Ground Hog day. According to an old tradition if this animal comes out of his hole and sees his shadow he goes back for another sleep for six weeks, because, as the story goes, the weather will be cold for that length of time. Here's hoping the sun won't shine when he comes out to have a look-see.

Golka Bros, local Dodge and DeSoto dealers, are sponsoring a free picture show and dance in the Elks hall on Tuesday, February 4th. Some interesting sound pictures are advertised to be shown. Everybody invited.

Air Raid Horn Heard in Montreal



Photo Montreal Standard

MONTREAL citizens were warned last weekend that the time has come for them "to prepare an air raid shelter" in every home, by Assistant Director Charles Barnes of the Montreal Police Department and organizer of the "CPC" Civilian Protection Committee (15,000 strong).

Above, Director Barnes, and William Fair of the Northern Electric Special Products Division, on the roof of the Company's building, test the Diaphone Horn, twenty-five of which spaced a mile and three-quarters apart on roofs that have been selected, would adequately cover the metropolis. These horns can be heard over an area of four square miles, but to overcome normal sounds within offices, stores, factories, homes and public conveyances, etc., sites half that distance apart have been chosen as a result of many tests.

These horns being operated by compressed air, a reserve supply is available to offset danger of power failure.

Hockey Notes

Hockey is still the main sport in Irma. On Wednesday evening, Jan. 29, Irma defeated Viking in a league game 3-0. It was a fairly good game although the snow flurry which became heavier as the game progressed interfered to some extent with the playing.

The players surged up and down the ice during the first period with neither team able to score. During the second period the Irma boys made their shots count when R. Guitner got all the way through and scored. F. Maguire then got within good shooting range of the goal and scored on his own rebound. Shortly after the face-off Maguire again made a shot count which put Irma well in the lead. For the remainder of the game no further scores were made owing partly to the difficulty of controlling the puck in the light snow.

Viking—Streit, G. Wash, W. Ash, M. Runyon, McEachern, Sheets, L. Kelly and J. Ash.

Irma—Inkin, Guitner, Jones, Simmerman, Smith, Maguire, A. J. Sonoff, A. Sonoff and Carter.

R. L. Martin very capably refereed the game.

Another Gas Line league contest took place on January 27th when the Ryley team visited Irma for the first time this winter. The Ryley team made a good showing on the ice. The play was fairly even and not until within a minute or two of regulation time was the winner decided. Scoring was started by Irma in the first period when Hughes assisted by Smith succeeded in their efforts. Ryley then got two in the same period, Steen from Moore and Moore from Steen. Chappel of Ryley got credit for the first goal in the second period followed by four tallies for Irma as follows, Carter unassisted, J. Sonoff from A. Sonoff, Smith from Maguire and Smith from Hughes.

In the third frame Ryley tied the score when L. Hutchinson from Steen and Steen from Moore scored. For a while it looked as if the game would go into overtime but just before the bell Hughes assisted by Smith scored the winning goal. Final score, Irma 6, Ryley 5.

Ryley—B. Hutchinson, Steen, Hillard, Humphrey, Moore, Aleeth, L. Hutchinson, J. Hutchinson and Chappel.

Irma—Inkin, Guitner, Jones, Simmerman, Smith, Hughes, Maguire, J. Sonoff, A. Sonoff, Carter and Aids. Referee R. L. Martin.

Billy Mills, whose orchestra is heard on the Fibber McGee program, says his favorite recreation is work. When he isn't ironing out details of the next program for Fibber McGee and Molly, the rotund conductor is hammering out original tunes at home. Billy has a dozen unpublished numbers on his shelves waiting the right time to publish them.

SEEK TO SECURE TWO MILLION BUYS OF WAR SAVING CERTIFICATES

Are Out to Increase Monthly
Purchases From Three Million
To Ten Million Dollars per Mo.

Ottawa, January 27—Finishing touches are being put on preparation of a Canadian sales campaign on behalf of War Savings Certificates which will replace anything of its kind ever attempted in the country according to government spokesmen at Ottawa. During the month of February a gigantic attempt will be made to canvass every province in the dominion—the objective to secure no less than two million men and women who will pledge themselves to buy War Saving Certificates regularly.

No definite money limit has been set. But the aim of the War Savings Committee is to increase the monthly purchases of Certificates from a present total of something under three million to ten million dollars a month. In other words, the government hopes to have at least 120 million dollars worth of Certificates sold during 1941.

In order to cover so much ground in a period of one month, thousands of volunteer workers have undertaken to bring it about. Under the general direction of the war savings committee there will be some fifteen hundred provincial, district and local committees hard at work from coast to coast. And each one of these committees will have sub-committees devoted to the task of handling every phase of the intensive work which the campaign demands.

There will be a tremendous drive throughout industrial plants of the country where employees and employers will be invited to co-operate in setting up a system whereby groups of workers will pledge themselves to regular purchases, the employer making the necessary deductions from the pay envelopes for the purpose. Labor leaders and trade unions will be requested to lend their help in this end of the campaign.

Merchants, professional men of all kinds, individuals anywhere who cannot take advantage of the pay roll deduction plan will be canvassed to sign honor pledges—to promise solemnly to make purchases regularly or to have their bank managers set aside a sum regularly from their bank accounts for the purchase of Certificates.

Under plans formulated, the War Savings Committee expects to see hundreds of War Savings Societies or Clubs organized through which members may buy their certificates in a group plan, a treasurer handling the details.

In villages, towns and cities—even in sparsely populated rural districts—personal visits will be made by the army of volunteer workers to every household where a can be reached.

Obituary.

MRS. CHRISTENSON

The whole district was saddened to hear of the death of one more of the old pioneers, Mrs. Christenson, last Wednesday morning in the Viking hospital. Maren Indiana Hanson (Christenson) was born in Nannestad, Norway, June 22nd, 1855, being the age of 85 years, seven months at the time of her death. In 1878 she was married to Christoffer Christenson. Three years later with their daughter Anna immigrated to Toronto, S.D., where they resided till the fall of 1906 when they moved to Bawlf. In the spring of 1908 they took up residence in the Irma district where they have resided since. Mrs. Christenson predeceased her 17 years ago next March.

Funeral service was held at Trinity Lutheran Church on Friday afternoon January 24th. Rev. Stolee of Viking spoke a very beautiful and comforting sermon taken from the 91 Psalm. The pall bearers were the three grandsons, Oscar, Marvin, and Kenneth Reitan and three very close neighbors, Mr. Olaf Larson, Martin Knudson and Robert Kaasen. Interment took place in Trinity churchyard.

There were nine children born to this home. The eldest son died in infancy. Those left to mourn the loss of a kind and loving mother are the five sons, John, Hans, Ole, Arnold and Carl, and three daughters, Anna (Mrs. Reitan), Marie (Mrs. Fude), and Hilma (Mrs. Sater), and twenty-two grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Floral tributes were from: Hans; John, Mary, Joyce, Albert and George; Reitan family; Ole, Dora, Audrey; Arnold, Edith, Elvin; Carl and Millie; Marie, Raymond and Clifford; Hibus, Ludwig, Curtis, Eunice and Aris; Angeline, Alf and Audrey; Sylvia, Vernon and baby Verna; Roy Christenson, Alvin and Ulfred; Mr. and Mrs. M. I. Reitan; Mr. and Mrs. H. Knudson; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Halvorsen; Mrs. M. O. Larson and Toril; Mr. and Mrs. Olaf Larson; Mr. and Mrs. Pete Spring; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kaasen and Henry Kaasen; Ina, Althea and Arthur; Erna and Olaf Larson; Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Roggenack, Lougheed; Mr. F. Pendleton and family; Lougheed; Bert and Millie; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lien, Lougheed; Mr. and Mrs. H. Lien, Lougheed; A. P. Olsen; R. H. Bell; J. M. Holman; E. Shogren; V. Browner, Lougheed; Mrs. M. O. Larson and Toril; Mr. and Mrs. Olaf Larson; Mr. and Mrs. Pete Spring; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kaasen and Henry Kaasen; Ina, Althea and Arthur; Erna and Olaf Larson; Mr. and Mrs. Chas. 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Advancing The War Effort

While the prosecution of the war is properly and necessarily claiming the first attention of the people of Canada at the present time and almost to the exclusion of internal affairs, at the same time the proposal of the federal government to implement in legislation the recommendations of the Sirola-Rowell report in the immediate future is recognized as a matter of great import.

It is perceived, dimly perhaps, by a large section of the citizenship that these recommendations are epochal in character; in fact, it is not too much to say that the move ranks with Confederation itself as one of the most important in the history of the country to date. If the principal objectives of the report are translated into legislation and made operative, it will not only have a very important bearing on the future destiny of the nation but will have, or should have, a beneficial effect on the Canadian war effort and war economy.

The main objective of the Rowell-Sirola report can be boiled down to an effort to redefine the functions of the several governmental units of the country in such a manner as to enable them to operate more efficiently and more economically. This objective will be achieved if, as a result of the plan outlined, duplication and overlapping of administrative effort is eliminated and sufficient sources of revenue are made available to each authority to enable it to carry out its duties without having to trespass on the proper revenue sources of the others. This, of course, involves, reallocation of the duties and responsibilities of each of the governmental units—federal, provincial and municipal and a reassignment of their several spheres of taxation.

An Epochal Event

It is appropriate to point out at this stage that the Rowell-Sirola commission, while taking cognizance of the difficulties experienced in municipal administration under present conditions, involving increasing demands for services and incommensurate sources of revenue, properly took the attitude that the scope of its duty lay in reconciling the several responsibilities and sources of income as between the federal and provincial authorities, leaving it to the provinces to make such adjustments as might be necessary between themselves and their offspring—the municipalities.

Such far-reaching and widespread adjustments as, between the administrative responsibilities and economy of the federal and provincial authorities as are recommended by the Commission are fully justified at the present time, not only on the ground that the redefinition of spheres will advance the internal economy of the country, but will also do much to further the effectiveness of the war effort.

The federal government is charged with the responsibility of carrying on Canada's contribution to the war, and it is imperative that as much as possible of the available finances and resources of the country be diverted to that effort until victory is won. Hence, it is the duty both of the federal government and the provincial and municipal administrations to economize on expenditures on internal affairs to the nth degree. The reason is obvious, there is only so much money and effort available for the conduct of the war and the operation of home services. Every dollar that can be diverted from internal administration and services to the war effort means another nail for the Nazi coffin.

Killing The Goose

As the Montreal Herald said in a recent editorial: "In view of the heavy federal taxation, and perhaps still heavier taxation to come, it is necessary to hold provincial and municipal taxation not intended for war effort to a minimum or the total load will be unbearable and the 'goose that lays the golden eggs' will no longer be able to function normally."

"By the law of diminishing returns the financial pressure on trade and industry might seriously react on war and local taxation purposes through the reduced revenues of trade and industry."

"If still higher income taxes are to be imposed by the Dominion government, and provinces and municipalities continue to superimpose on these local taxes for non-war purposes, the time is approaching when retail and other business and the individual citizen will be too badly crippled to provide in the measure of which they are potentially capable for the defeat of the Axis powers."

"Apart from this, provincial and municipal sales taxes, supernumerary water taxes, radio taxes, telephone taxes, are other forms of diverting taxation from the purpose of winning the war to local purposes which have no relation to the pressing objective."

If the implementation of the Sirola recommendations into legislation has among other things the laudable effect of inspiring more economical local administration, thus releasing more money for the war effort, something worthwhile will have been accomplished, not only for the immediate present, but in the future.

Then, too, by eliminating some of the inequities which exist as between governmental units, the new economy should make a real contribution towards the consolidating of that spirit of unity among the people of the country which is so absolutely essential to effective war effort!

He Meant Well

From a Liverpool church magazine: "The minister will be very pleased to hear of the illness of any members of the congregation or of any mishaps which may befall relatives at present with the Forces."

Nettles were harvested in several regions in Denmark to be thrashed and used for the same purpose as flax.

Richard Deiner produced a vegetable cross between a tomato and a sweet bell pepper; it is called a pepper tomato.

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Necessary Part Of Diet

All Vegetables Are Valuable For Their Vitamins And Minerals

Do you eat enough vegetables? Valuable as they are in minerals and vitamins, vegetables must be included in the things we eat. So states an article in the current issue of the magazine "Health," prepared by the nutrition committee of the Health League of Canada.

Not all vegetables are equally valuable from a nutritive point of view, the article points out. Some vegetables supply iron, others do not. We get Vitamin A from one kind of vegetable and Vitamin C from another. Cabbage, spinach and carrots are good sources of vitamin A, which is necessary to maintain normal vision and to prevent disease. Green cabbage is much richer in vitamin A than white cabbage. The outer leaves of cabbage are more valuable than the inner heart.

Without vegetables and fruit, people would be deprived of the important vitamin C, which safeguards us against scurvy. Tomatoes, cabbage, turnips and potatoes are chief sources of this vitamin. Orange juice and tomato juice also are good.

Cabbage and green leafed vegetables are valuable in their iron content, needed to prevent anaemia. Dried beans are also good iron producers. At least two vegetables should be served every day.

Man Is Expert Knitter

Ontario Farmer Says He Taught Himself 64 Years Ago

Knitting is not a woman's monopoly! Nehemiah Ogden of Unionville, Ont., says so. He is a 72-year-old man who has been knitting for 64 years and can outfit most of the women in the locality. It is alleged: "And most of the women admit it!"

"I started knitting when I was a boy of eight," he states. "But I had to teach myself. I hid in the barn while I was doing it, because any boy caught knitting in those days would be severely disciplined. Why even today the women seem to think they should do all the knitting. Personally, I think machines would serve just as well and save time."

Mr. Ogden spent most of his life as a farmer in the Unionville area. Knitting has been strictly a sideline. He is turning over his present knitting output to the local Red Cross organization.

Until two years ago, Mr. Ogden was active in farm work and even now takes care of an acre plot with chickens and other small stock. His wife does the housework at the cosy home, and both are keenly interested in current affairs. Knitting is easy on the nerves, this male expert admits. But he says it hasn't lengthened his life. "Fresh air and lots of work did that."

Glamour Days Are Over

Famous Cow Goes Back To Old Home On Farm

The cow that jumped over the moon is back where she started from. Elsie, the prodigious daughter of Elm Hill Farm, has returned to the old dairy home with Elsie, her own fatted calf. It was at this Brookfield, Mass., farm that Elsie began her meteoric career eight years ago. From now on she is expected to do nothing more than rest on her laurels and sign autographs.

No cow ever won more laurels. No cow has ever been seen by so many people. No cow except Elsie ever rocketed from stardom at the World's Fair to the Klieg lights of Hollywood. In all past bovine history no cow was ever given the keys to 12 cities. To-day Elsie is living proof that in this country the doors of opportunity are still open, even to a simple heifer with nothing but her good looks to recommend her. There are some who think that Elsie is nothing but a press agent's build-up. But those who saw her at the Fair will not agree. It required a certain aplomb for her to chew her cud so placidly amid the trophies of her conquests. In this world of turmoil and frustration it is something indeed to remain America's No. 1 Contented Cow.—New York Times.

Now comes the sweet-toothed pig—a large pig-farmer in Youngstown, Ohio, has contracted for the waste from a chocolate factory nearby for feeding his stock.

The Ukrainians have the highest percentage of voluntary enlistment of any race it is stated, that is in proportion to their number in Canada.

After administering first aid to a 76-year-old man fatally hurt in a motor accident in a Manchester blackout, a woman discovered the patient was her father.

LOOK OUT FOR YOUR LIVER

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Takes Care Of Increase

Canada Sells 20,000 Cases Of Eggs To United Kingdom

The Agricultural department at Ottawa announced the sale in the past two weeks of 20,000 cases of eggs, 30 dozen to the case, to the United Kingdom.

Mild weather caused an increase in Canadian egg production and the department said the shipment to Great Britain would help take care of this increase.

A Useful Frog

The arrows of some South-American Indians are tipped with a poisonous substance from a species of frog. Other tribes use the same frog in dyeing parrots' feathers to increase their salability.

Before four zones of Standard Time were adopted in 1883, there were more than 50 kinds of time in the United States.

China shipped about \$500,000 worth of fire-trackers to the United States in 1938.

A Real Contest

133 Cash Prizes Are Awarded Every Two Weeks

Did you ever figure out what chance you have on many contests where only a limited number of prizes are awarded? Do your own thinking and then get in on the Royal Household Flour contest run by Ogilvie Flour Mills, which is advertised on another page in today's issue.

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Airplane lubricants are being manufactured out of herring, sardine, and whale oils by the Japanese.

Bees are kept in an apiary, which comes from "apis," meaning bee.

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Bad News For Japan

Report States Chinese Army Is Getting Stronger Every Year

A review of the Chinese-Japanese war in Red Star, the Russian army publication, said the past year showed an "increased battle capacity of the Chinese army."

China, the article said, has 22,000,000 regulars and 1,000,000 irregular troops under arms, compared with 1,000,000 Japanese in China. It said that the Japanese were superior in technique, but that the Chinese had "unexhaustible human resources and vast spaces."

A "prolonged war is exhausting for the Japanese," Red Star said.

Says a writer on problems concerning animals in parks: "Why anyone should want to tease a lion is beyond understanding." Perhaps Premier Mussolini could explain the urge.

Th first railroads used rails made of wood with a thin metal strip fastened on top.

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- Simply send the words "Royal Household" cut from the bottom of a bag for a sales slip showing a recent purchase of Royal Household Flour, with your name and address to: Contest, Ogilvie Flour Mills Co., Limited, P.O. Box 6091, Montreal. For the coupon in form of another sheet of paper, as you wish.
- Twice each month a number of entries will be drawn at random for prizes. A letter will be sent to each of these contestants, asking a simple question. The different prizes (133 each half-month) will be awarded according to the answers of the replies to this question. In the case of a tie, duplicate prizes will be awarded. The decision of the judges will be final. No entries will be entered into, in regard to the contest.
- Each half-month's contest closes at midnight of the 15th, or last day of the month. Entries postmarked later than that time will be considered in the following contest.
- You may make as many entries as you wish—either in any one half-month or in different half-months.
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AGENT IN SABOTAGE

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Before Nancy could ask another question, the driver of the truck was out of his cab and had come over to their car. Mr. Bristow rolled down the window and leaned forward to talk to him.

"Say, Mr. Bristow, I'm terribly sorry about this," the driver began. His employer interrupted him. "Nothing to be sorry about. You did a nice job getting out of the way. Congratulations."

"Thanks," the driver, a tall, sun-burnt youth, reddened a little. "It's been a long time since I've seen him coming there wouldn't have been no danger. He came at me so quick, though, I didn't have a chance."

"They're skilful, all right," Mr. Bristow said irritably. "How the devil, though, do they know when these shipments are going out?"

"The truck driver took off his cap and scratched the back of his head furiously. "Search me. But they do."

"Well, you might as well go on," his employer said wearily. "The chances are they won't try it again this time."

The young man grinned. "If they do, I'll dodge 'em again."

He turned around and started back to his truck. Before he had gone more than a few steps, Mr. Bristow called him back.

"Just a minute," He paused for an instant, and went on. "Some day you may not dodge quickly enough. I understand you have a wife and a new baby. Want to be taken off this run? If you say the word, I'll—"

The driver interrupted him hastily. His blue eyes seemed to have changed color, to have turned a steely grey. "No thanks, Mr. Bristow. I'd rather stick with it. I'll take my chances of not getting out of the way."

John Bristow smiled for the first time in several minutes. "Okay, Bill, suit yourself. Good luck."

As the truck driver walked back across the street, the white-haired man called to the chauffeur to drive on, and leaned back heavily against the cushions.

Nancy Thorne had found her voice at last. "What's it all about? Please—tell me. Was that a—was that man deliberately trying to wreck the truck?"

Her companion sat staring out the window at the seemingly endless succession of dingy brick buildings that flashed by. His face was set in hard, grim lines.

"Yes, my dear, it was a deliberate—and very skilful—attempt to wreck that truck. It wasn't the first, and I have no hope it will be the last."

"Oh!" It was a long, indrawn gasp. She started to ask another question, but Bristow interrupted her.

"Only two attempts, so far, have been successful. In one, the contents of the van were damaged. In the other, they were not, but completely destroyed. The driver of the truck—the second one—was killed."

There was a silence.

"But why," Nancy said suddenly, "Why?"

John Bristow sighed, and laid a hand over hers. "Have you ever heard of sabotage, child?" He was silent a moment, and went on, "The contents of that truck are vital in making airplane motors for all army contracts. Their loss might mean a delay of weeks—months—in filling those contracts."

As he went on, he seemed almost to be talking to himself. "The financial loss involved is not important—is nothing. But that delay—"

He drew a long breath. "Somehow the time when each important shipment is to be made is discovered. I thought we'd stopped every possible leak, but evidently—"

He seemed suddenly to remember something.

"Nancy, dear, keep this in mind. Out at the plant—there you will fill a job left vacant by a girl who was just fired. Maybe there will be a little feeling that—well, that she was let go in order to make a place for you."

That is because, when she was discharged, the circumstances were such that—we could not make any explanation."

"I don't quite understand," she said, her brow wrinkled a little.

"Well, never mind. You don't need to understand. Only that the girl—her name was Hill, Luella Hill—was not fired in order to make a job for you, but for other reasons."

His tone seemed to imply that she should not ask any more questions, and she remained silent, thinking it over. She was a little sickened and angry by it all.

"Uncle John—"

His face brightened suddenly. "You haven't called me that since you were a youngster! What is it, my child?"

"Isn't there some way to stop them—some way to find out who they are?"

"Yes, of course there are, my dear. Men are working right now."

He broke off suddenly and then said, "But there hasn't been much success so far."

Nancy Thorne started to speak and stopped herself. A mad resolve was forming in her mind. She felt sure that John Bristow would laugh at her, that perhaps even Pat would. There was a chance, though, that she might succeed.

She began to feel a little happier about the prospective job in the factory offices of the Bristow Division Company.

"We're almost there," John Bristow told her. "Sure now, you don't want to change your mind?"

"Not me," What was it the truck driver had said? I'd rather stick with it.

She took out her compact and studied herself curiously as she dusted new powder on her short, straight nose. Somehow she'd had a feeling that these last few weeks must have aged her. It was almost with surprise that she met the lovely young face in the little mirror, the wide brown eyes, the warm, creamy skin freckles on the bridge of the nose, and the red-gold curls that blew about her forehead. She finished powdering her nose and closed the compact with a snap. For the first time she felt that John Bristow was right. Her life was just at the beginning.

"Here we are," Bristow said cheerfully.

The car swung off to the right through a pair of metal gates, and slowed to a stop in a little yard. Nancy got out of the car and stood staring about her curiously.

She saw a long, wide, two-story building of red-brown brick, darkened here and there by smoke, with what seemed to be hundreds of windows. Near the car a narrow walk led up to a door marked "Employees Only."

John Bristow led her up a flight of steel and cement stairs to the second floor, and through a glass door marked "Offices" into a big room filled with desks, men and girls, filing cases, and the clatter of typewriters. Nancy stared about her as they passed through the room. This was where she would spend her days from now on. It seemed to her that the clatter of typewriters thinned a little, and she became unconsciously conscious of the curious scrutiny of many eyes before they had walked the length of the room and entered another office that faced the front of the building.

"Afternoon, Grimshaw," John Bristow said. "I brought the new girl out with me."

was a peevish, complaining twist to the corners of his mouth.

"Oh, yes, the girl to take Miss Hill's place," Grimshaw said, looking at Nancy over his shoulder. "What's your name, miss?"

"Nancy—Ellis." She remembered the new last name just in time, with an uncomfortable feeling that she was blushing.

The thin man noted it down on a slip of paper and began firing questions at her. "Typing? shorthand? Filing? Dictaphone? Experience?"

She answered as best she could. She had taken a business course in college, to the great amusement of her father and brother. But experience—well—

John Bristow answered for her. "Oh, she'll do all right as soon as she gets on to things."

"Of course," the office manager answered. His smile was even more unpleasant than his frown. He pushed a buzzer on his desk, and in a moment the door opened. "Miss Fletcher—this is Miss Ellis, the new girl."

She flashed him a grateful smile. "Thank you—I'm sure I will."

As she went out the door she heard his voice saying, "Grimshaw, another of our trucks—just this afternoon—"

and the thin, almost whining voice of the office manager answering, "I know, I know—but we're doing everything we can—"

Miss Fletcher indicated a desk with a wave of her hand. "That's your desk. You can keep your purse in it if you like. I'll show you where your locker is."

She led the way past a row of desks whose occupants stared openly and curiously at Nancy, paused beside one and pointed to a stack of work.

"I've got to finish that before I leave tonight. And every minute I spend showing you around is going to make me just that much later."

Nancy wondered if she ought to offer an apology, or suggest that she help make up the lost time. She decided it was best to keep meekly quiet, however. The angular Miss Fletcher didn't look as though she would welcome friendly overtures.

She learned the location of the lockers, the lunchroom, the washroom and the water-cooler, and then the tour of the plant began. It was necessary, Miss Fletcher explained, to know where every department was. As the tour continued, however, Nancy only grew more confused. Her guide's voice was lost in the noise of machinery, she only knew that she was following blindly through a succession of places that were full of heat, racket and strange metallic odors.

Suddenly as they approached a tool bench, she stopped short. The young man in overalls who swung around to stare at her was tall and lean, with ruffled brown hair and smiling grey eyes that looked at her from a deeply tanned, homely face. Tom Cantwell! Only a few hours ago she had been wondering where he was.

She started forward, her face shining with pleased surprise, only to stop dead in her tracks.

For Tom Cantwell, who had known her most of her life, looked at her coldly for a minute, without a sign of recognition and then without a single word, turned his back to her and went on with the work he had been doing.

(To Be Continued)

World's First Tube Railway

The world's first tube railway and Great Britain's first electrified railway, which has just passed its 50th birthday, still operates as part of the vast underground network of the London Passenger Transport Board.

The original line, known as the City and South London railway, constructed in 1860, ran from King William street in the City of London to Stockwell.

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Food For War Prisoners

Canadian Red Cross Sending Five Thousand Parcels Per Week

The packing of parcels of food for British and Canadian prisoners of war in Germany was begun in Toronto by the Canadian Red Cross Society. Five thousand food parcels, each weighing about eleven pounds and containing a well-balanced diet, are being packed in Toronto each week, and in the near future another five thousand parcels per week will be packed in Montreal.

This undertaking of ten thousand food parcels a week will cost the Canadian Red Cross about a million and a half dollars a year, and was one of the main items stressed in the society's recent national-wide appeal for funds.

The parcels will go from Canada to New York and then on to Lisbon on American export liners. At Lisbon they will be taken over by the International Red Cross Committee and shipped to Geneva. The committee handles the distribution through its representatives in Germany, and guarantees safe delivery of the parcels.

The request for the supplying of these food parcels from Canada came from the British Red Cross, which is the auxiliary of the British government committed to the feeding of prisoners in enemy territory. The work in England has slowed up owing to Nazi bombing, and that is why the British Red Cross has been asked to help Britain in this undertaking.

Dr. Fred W. Routley, National Commissioner, explained.

There can be no doubt in anyone's mind about whether or not our prisoners receive these parcels of food when it is considered that the British Red Cross has been sending thousands of parcels to British prisoners in enemy territory for months and has proof that they reach the men safely for each parcel contains a post card to be signed by the recipient, and 90 per cent. of the cards have been returned. We have been asked to help only because the work of the British Red Cross is hampered by air raids," Dr. Routley added.

Each parcel being shipped from Canada contains whole-milk powder, butter, cheese, corned beef, pork luncheon meat, salmon, sardines or kippers, dried prunes, sugar, jam, pilot biscuits, eating chocolate, salt and pepper, tea and soap. Dr. F. F. Maslin, Red Cross for his nutrition work, has given careful study to the food contents of the parcels and has worked with a view to giving the prisoners a reasonably balanced diet. Each parcel contains 2,070 calories per day spread over a period of a week.

Norman C. Urquhart is chairman of the prisoners-of-war parcels committee, and Mrs. Marjorie Coste is in charge of the voluntary groups who are packing the parcels. Mrs. Coste's son, a flying officer with the R.A.F., is a prisoner of war in Germany. Mrs. Coste, formerly of Toronto, came to Canada from the British Red Cross where she was in charge of the packing of food parcels at St. James' Palace.

GEMS OF THOUGHT

HONESTY

Make yourself an honest man, and then you may be sure that there is oneascal less in the world.—Carlyle.

Honesty is one part of eloquence. We persuade others by being in earnest ourselves.—Hazlitt.

Honor is worth its danger and its cost, and its life is worthless without honor.—G. Bernard Shaw.

Justice, honesty, cannot be abjured; their vitality involves Life.—Cain.

Irreversible, eternal.—Mary Baker Eddy.

Do your work, be honest, keep your word, help when you can, be fair.—J. F. Morgan.

We enjoy ourselves only in our work, our doing; and our best doing is our best enjoyment.—Jacobi.

Modern taxidermists construct anatomically correct models of animals and fit the skins over them, instead of stuffing the skins as in the old days.

As a guard against jail air and jail fever brought in by the "lower class" prisoners, herbs and vinegar were strewn about courtrooms in old England.

To enable his army to cross the Tigris and Euphrates rivers, the Emperor Julian had built a bridge of boats made of skins stretched tightly over oyster frames.

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Reindeer Ranching

Second Reindeer Herd Under Native Management

Another reindeer herd will soon be under native management in the grazing area along Canada's Arctic Coast, according to wireless reports reaching the Department of Mines and Resources from the Government Reindeer Station near the Mackenzie Delta.

On December 6 a herd of approximately seven hundred animals, comprising a cross-section of the main herd on the reserve, started the overland drive of about one hundred and fifty miles eastward to new grazing grounds between the Anderson and Horton Rivers. An advance camp was established in this area during the past summer, when one of the two Eskimos to be entrusted with these deer moved the herders' families and supplies by schooner. His partner, who has received several years' training as an apprentice herder, is assisting in driving the deer eastward. The movement of this second native herd is in charge of a government chief herder, who also has general supervision over the native herd established on the west side of Anderson River in December, 1938.

The placing of this second herd under native management marks another forward step in Canada's plan to establish reindeer ranching in the Arctic with a view to broadening the basis of subsistence of the Eskimo population and also to conserve the game resources.

Money Changers Have Gold

Bowls filled with British sovereigns have appeared on the stands of street money changers in Damascus and other towns in Syria. The coins sell for about \$9 each. It is believed the sovereigns are part of the gold distributed by Lawrence of Arabia many years ago, and now brought out by the crisis.

Canada's 1940 potato crop is estimated at 42,058,000 cwt., an increase of 16 per cent. over last year's production.

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To Found New Industries

Some 15,000 refugees who fled from Germany after the war and were admitted to Canada have brought some \$25,000,000 to the Dominion for the founding of more than 100 new industries. F. C. Blair, immigration director, at Ottawa, estimated.

The world's longest electrified railway is located in Italy. It runs from Brenner Pass to Reggio-Calabria, a distance of 620 miles.

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(NEW YEAR'S EVE, 1940)

ALREADY the pattern and pace of life in Canada have undergone a profound change. Gaps in employment are rapidly filling up. Some 350,000 Canadians who were unemployed before the outbreak of war are now employed. Another 200,000 are with our armed forces. Factories, which until recently were turning out goods for civilian consumption, have been transformed into humming arsenals, pouring out instruments of war. Night and day shifts have become the rule rather than the exception. But the peak of effort is not yet in sight.

In 1941 still more factories will switch to war production... new plants will be established, thousands more will be employed. This rising tide of activity must continue until we reach the flood of effort when every Canadian will be employed and working to his utmost, every possible square inch of plant will be utilized, every wheel will be whirling in the race we are waging against time and the enemy.

More men are working... working longer hours... making more munitions... earning more money... producing more goods... putting more money into circulation. Most Canadians are sharing in this increased national wealth—have extra dollars in their pockets.

The effort the Prime Minister calls for is gaining momentum, but many Canadians, as individuals, have not yet felt the real pinch of sacrifice.

Canadians of all classes are sharing tax burdens, but it must be admitted that up to date the larger part of the money needed for Canada's war effort has come from business firms and individuals with large incomes. They are paying high taxes. They have already invested heavily in War Loan Bonds.

This is not enough. The plain truth is that Canada's rapidly expanding production for war purposes will require increasing sums of money. That is why the Prime Minister warned Canadians in his New Year's broadcast that the year ahead demands more effort and more sacrifice.

Every man, woman and child is asked to lend. Every dollar you lend will help to put another man in a job... making more munitions. Every dollar you lend may save a soldier's life... help to shorten the war. Small wage earners must carry their share of the burden, too.

No one need go without necessities, but you are urged to forego the purchase of unnecessary articles... however small the cost... no matter how well you are able to pay for them... which take labour and material away from the great task of providing goods needed to win the war.

This is your war. Everything you have... everything you believe in... is now at stake. This is a message to you... a challenge to every Canadian... a call to the colours... a call for volunteers.

Be sure to make provision to pay your Income Tax—payment is made easier by the new instalment plan. But be prepared to do more—budget your earnings to make sure that you will have money available to buy War Savings Certificates and to subscribe for War Loan Bonds. You will help Canada—you will help yourself.

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LOCALS

Another C.C.F. whist drive will be held in Hedley's hall on Feb. 8.

James Carter of the R.C.A.F., of Brandon, Man., spent a few days at home this week on leave.

Mrs. R. E. Maguire visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. McMillan, this week prior to leaving for Ranfurly, Alta.

Mr. A. E. Peterson is attending the school trustee's convention in Edmonton this week as a delegate from the Irma school district.

The annual meeting of the rate-payers and electors of the Irma school district No. 2485 will be held on Saturday, February 2, at 7:30 p.m. The St. Mary's W.A. are putting on a silver tea and sale of home cooking and aprons on February 22nd. Place to be announced later.

Sharon Ladies Aid will meet at the home of Mrs. Peder Nilsen on Thursday, February 6th. A good attendance is expected.

Mr. Frank Maguire expects to leave by plane next Monday for Outpost Island in far north where he has secured a position with the same company that his brother Ben is with.

Because of the illness of many of those participating, the Young People's play, "Jimmy Be Careful" has been postponed for a few weeks. Please watch for further notice.

Mrs. N. S. Johnson's mother, Mrs. F. J. Stouffer of Newbrook, Alta., recently underwent quite a serious operation in the Royal Alexandra hospital. We are glad to report Mrs. Stouffer is gradually recovering.

Put a big red mark on your social calendar for Friday, February 14th. That's the possible date for the I.O.B.A. Valentine dance. The net proceeds of this gay affair will go to the Alberta Children's Home in Edmonton. You see the Orange Lodge of Alberta are entirely responsible for the up keep of this splendid home and with the big demand for war aid, it is doubly hard to keep this up. But around 37 children in residence are being clothed, fed and educated in this way besides a great number helped in other ways. So come and give us a hand to keep the home fire burning. Watch for an advertisement in next weeks paper.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere appreciation and thanks to all of those who assisted, and for messages of sympathy, in our recent bereavement. Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hockett and Family.

The World of Wheat

H. G. L. Strange

The 'Sirois Commission conference has broken down. It is expected it will be resumed next spring.

It seems to me that in the interim the Commission's recommendations might be explained to people at public meetings for it does not appear that many really understand what the Commission actually recommended.

Many believe that the Commission was asked to make such recommendations as would even up the economic disparities that have been caused by federal policies such as the Canadian high tariff policies of recent years. This is not so. The Commission was only permitted, by its terms of reference, to recommend such changes in government financing as would help provincial governments in distress to carry on with their work of providing services to the people.

The recommendations will not lower materially the cost of the things that western farmers have to buy, nor will they help to sell one additional bushel of wheat. The recommendations would certainly, however, help our western governments to finance

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